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Marine sentenced for trying to sell secrets to Soviets

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CHARLOTTE, N.C.—A Marine Corps private accused of trying to sell information on nuclear, biological and chemical warfare to Eastern bloc agents is serving 12 years imprisonment after being court-martialed, the FBI said Tuesday. Robert E. Cordrey Jr., 23, who taught at the warfare schools at Camp Lejeune, was convicted Aug. 13 on 18 counts of failing to report contacts with citizens of communist nations, FBI agent Robert Pence said. Cordrey, of Millsboro, Del., was sentenced to 12 years at hard labor, forfeiture of pay and given a dishonorable discharge, Pence said. He said Cordrey was serving his time in Camp Lejeune. The FBI and the Naval Investigative Service began an investigation after learning April 12 that Cordrey was trying to sell related material to Soviet, Czechoslovakian, East German and Polish representatives, Pence said. North Carolina's military bases remain a major target for foreign spies, as does the state's growing microelectronics business, Pence said.